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PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Terry Duce, ARAMCO
Mr. Philip H. Watts, S/P

COPIES TO: S - Mr. Kitchen
NEA - Mr. Byroade
E - Mr. Linder
L - Mr. Fisher

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Mr. Duce called from New York to ask that Mr. Nitze be informed that Duce had talked with Secretary of the Interior Chapman yesterday and that Chapman had agreed to take up with the President the matter of the creation of a Cabinet Commission to look into the problems of national interest with respect to the operation of American oil companies abroad. Mr. Duce said he was preparing a memorandum at the moment which Mr. Chapman would use in his discussion of the matter with the President.

Mr. Duce

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Mr. Duce did not say when Chapman was going to see the President but I gathered it would be in the immediate future.

The Commission referred to above was discussed at a meeting in the Secretary's office on September 19, which, in addition to the Secretary, was attended by Messrs. Nitze and Byroade, and Duce and Fred Davies of ARAMCO.

Mr. Duce has drafted a letter (copy of which he handed to Ambassador George Wadsworth and which I gave to Mr. Nitze before he left for London) which it is proposed be signed by the President directing the Secretaries of State, Defense, Interior (I believe there are others) to get on with the creation of a Cabinet Commission.

Mr. Nitze's memorandum of conversation dated September 19 sets forth the Secretary's concern regarding the desirability of such a commission at this time. Copies of this memorandum were sent to Messrs. Kitchen, Byroade, Linder, and Fisher.

I informed Mr. Fisher of the above. He did not think Mr. Nitze need be informed nor that any action is required.

S/P:PHWattsiac